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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 24, 2008, Applicants provisionally elect <u>without traverse</u> the invention of Group III.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the following:

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